

Thorold Horticultural Society fonds, 1929-1988, n.d.

RG 681

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Extent:	8 cm of textual records
Abstract:	Fonds contains material about the activities of the Thorold Horticultural Society. Most of the material consists of minute books, financial records, and programs.
Materials:	Minute books, financial records, correspondence, lease, programs and photograph.
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Administrative history:

The Thorold Horticultural Society was founded in 1929, with Thomas Flummerfelt as President, Col. D.J.C. Munro as Vice-President, and Arthur Lewis as Secretary-Treasurer. Forty-one members were enrolled at the Society's founding on February 21, 1929. Early activities included garden contests, flower shows, community beautification projects, and educating school children about horticulture. The Society continues to reach out to local students, encouraging the growth of pollinator gardens and educating the community about the

environment. Around 2017, the Society's name changed to the Thorold Garden Club in an effort to attract more young people. The Club celebrated their 90th anniversary in 2019.

Scope and content:

Fonds contains material about the activities of the Thorold Horticultural Society. Most of the materials consist of minute books, financial records, and horticultural show programs. Some material concerning Canadian Wineries Ltd. is also included. The Town of Thorold purchased land from Canadian Wineries on behalf of the Thorold Horticultural Society. This land was to be used as a park. An unidentified group photograph is also included.

Organization:

The fonds was organized into four series:

Series I: Minute books and Financial records, 1929-1976

Series II: Canadian Wineries Ltd., 1931-1939

Series III: Programs, 1959-1988

Series IV: Photograph, n.d.

Inventory:

Series I: Minute books and Financial records, 1929-1976

- 1.1 Minute book, 1929-1938. Topics include the creation of a horticultural society, with Thomas Flummerfelt as President, Col. D.J.C. Munro as Vice-President, and Arthur Lewis as Secretary Treasurer; a visit to Fonthill Nurseries; an address by Professor Saunders of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; a garden contest; a Fall Flower show; a "rose highway" project, which the Society participated in; a spring flower show; the leasing of property belonging to a winery on the west side of Ormond St., to be laid out as a park; and teaching school children about horticulture.
- 1.2 Minute book, 1938-1943. Includes annual membership lists and financial records. Topics include encouraging school children to engage in horticulture by giving interested students seeds to grow; the grounds surrounding a monument to American soldiers from the War of 1812 on the east bank of the Welland

Canal (at Beaverdams); the purchase of land on Ormond St. in Thorold from Canadian Wineries, to be used as a park; and a spring flower show.

- 1.3 Financial records, 1949-1976. A notebook of receipts and expenditures.

Series II: Canadian Wineries Ltd., 1931-1939

- 1.4 Canadian Wineries Ltd., 1931-1939. Contains correspondence, a lease, and a statement of account concerning the sale of land to the Town of Thorold for the Thorold Horticultural Society, from Canadian Wineries Ltd. This land was to be used as a park.

Series III: Programs, 1959-1988, n.d.

- 1.5 Flower arrangement programs, 1959-1988. Contains programs for the Niagara Falls Horticultural Society's Flower and Vegetable Show, and Annual Rose Shows; the Fort Erie Horticultural Society's Annual Rose Show; the Bertie Horticultural Society's Flower and Rose Show; the Stamford Horticultural Society's Annual Rose and Spring Flower Show; and the Port Colborne Horticultural Society's Annual Rose and Flower Show.
- 1.6 Outline of a Three-Year Course in Gardening and General Horticulture, Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture, Niagara Falls, Ontario, n.d.

Series IV: Photograph, n.d.

- 1.7 A group photograph [photocopy]. The people, place, or occasion are not identified.